

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*In re* Application of ) Group Art Unit: 1634  
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David MACK             ) Examiner: J. Goldberg  
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Serial No. TBA        )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered prior to an action on the merits:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.